

Brock Elementary School

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September 29, 2017

Dear Brock Community,

It has been a busy September and it is hard to believe the end of the month is now upon us. September has been a month of getting back into routines, reconnecting with one another and welcoming new families and staff members to our community. Students are beginning to settle into their new classes, work on a variety of activities and projects, and participate in school events.

During the second week of September, Ms. Bishops' Division 8 class held a bake sale for the BC Fire Victims and the money raised was donated to the Red Cross. The students raised \$1,700.00! On September 20th, we held our annual Terry Fox Run. We had a beautiful afternoon for the run. Julie and Lola, got everyone excited about the event at a kick off assembly and Mr. Ellis lead the school in a fun warm-up exercise. Our community raised \$2,506.10 for the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research! Just as important, students learned about Terry's Run for Hope and the continuing legacy of this truly amazing Canadian. Thank you to the staff for organizing and supporting the run, to the parents who helped cut up and distribute fruit, and to our PAC for providing students with fresh fruit after their run.

Meet the Staff and the PAC Welcome Back Event was held on September 14th and we appreciate that many of you took time to meet your child's teacher and join us for pizza afterwards. Holding the Welcome Back Event in September provides us with an opportunity to welcome new staff and families to Brock early in the year. We had a great turn-out and the weather was perfect for an outdoor pizza dinner. Thank you to the PAC members, led by Ms. Knight, for organizing and planning the food. It is a fun Brock tradition.

Regards,
Nancy Paget
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Friday, October 6 th | Student Photos |
| Monday, October 9 th | Thanksgiving Day |
| Tuesday, October 17 th | Immunization Clinic, Grade 6 |
| Friday, October 20 th | Professional Development Day, no school for students |
| Monday, October 23 rd | Brock Junction After School Program closed for the day |
| Thursday, October 26 th | Halloween Safety Presentation, time TBA PAC Meeting, Library, 6:30 pm |
| Friday, October 27 th | CST After School Programs Begin, 3:00 pm |

September Reminders



To Report Your Child's Absence: Please call **604-713-5159** and use the Brock School Code **14**, prior to 9:00 am on the first day of the absence.

Student Sign-out/Sign-In Procedures: When you pick up your child during the day, please let the teacher know and ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches. If your child is late arriving to school and/or is returning to school from an appointment, please ensure you sign them in prior to them returning to class.

Drop off and Pick Up: Safety is our primary concern. **Morning supervision is from 8:45- 9:00 am and afternoon supervision is from 3:00 -3:15 pm.** Please don't drop your child off earlier than 8:45 am, unless they are participating in a school sponsored activity. There is no one available to supervise until 8:45 am. Children must not arrive unsupervised prior to 8:45 am. Please pick up promptly at the end of the day. School supervision ends at 3:15 pm. All children should be with a parent or on their way home by 3:15 pm at the latest.

Bikes/Scooters: It is wonderful to see so many of our students biking and/or riding their scooters to school. Upon entering the school grounds, please remind your child to dismount from their bike/scooter. **Bikes/scooters are to be walked on and off the school grounds.**

School Parking Lot: As a reminder, please do not drive into the school parking lot. If you are driving to school, please park a block or two away and walk with your child to school. Walking to school is a wonderful way to interact with your child, talk about their day, enjoy the fresh air and get some exercise. It also helps minimize the traffic and congestion around the school. In order to keep everyone safe, please use the sidewalks to enter the school grounds and do not walk through the parking lot. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe and for your consideration.

Students Leaving the School Grounds: Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds unsupervised. If you would like your child to go home for lunch, please pick him or her up at school. Be sure to sign them out and back in. Thank you!

Student Forms

Student Verification, Media Consent and CASL Forms were sent home last week. It is important that these forms be returned to school **by Monday, October 2nd**. Please review, revise and complete the necessary information on the forms. It is very important that we have up to date information on file and that we are able to contact you, at any time, especially in the event of an

emergency. We will not release students to individuals who are not designated as an emergency contact person.

Student Fees and Student Agenda

A parent package was sent home at the beginning of September outlining the 2017-2018 school fees. The \$30.00 fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. The student agenda is \$5.00. Please submit school and agenda fees to your child's teacher by Friday, October 6th.

The Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, Mrs. Paget. All requests will be treated confidentially.

Code of Conduct

During the first week of school and at our first assembly we reviewed the Code of Conduct with students – we respect the rights and safety of self, others and the environment. The Code of Conduct helps everyone create and maintain a safe, kind and inclusive school in which all students are able to be successful learners. A copy of the Code of Conduct was sent home with students and is posted on the Brock website. We appreciate you reinforcing the importance of Brock's Code of Conduct at home.

Cross Country

Thank you to Mr. Doucet who is coaching Brock's cross country team this year and to our parent drivers! Cross-country practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15 - 8:45 am. The Mini Meets are Wednesdays after school at Douglas Park from 3:30 - 4:45 pm. The District meet will be held on Oct. 19th at 1:00 pm.

Parent drivers are needed for all the mini meets and the district meet. Please remember to fill out a Driver's Liability Form and a Volunteer Conduct Agreement Form.



Brock is Allergy Aware – Please NO NUTS at School

Brock School is allergy-aware! Please **DO NOT** send food containing nuts or peanut products to school with your child. We have some students who have severe allergies to these particular foods. We cannot guarantee a nut-free environment. If your child does have an allergy please help him/her understand the importance of not sharing food with others at school.

Allergy Aware School



School Volunteers

Volunteers contribute to and enrich our school community. We value and appreciate your gift of time.

All parents and other adults who will be volunteering in the school on a regular basis and/or who will be working alone with students at any time are required to have a VPD criminal record check completed and must sign a Volunteer Conduct Agreement Form. The school will provide volunteers with a letter to take to the police station, in order to receive a reduced rate for the criminal record check. Once the criminal record check has been completed, please return it to the office.

If you are volunteering to drive students to and from a field trip or sporting event, you must fill out a Driver's Liability Form and sign the Volunteer Conduct Agreement Form. Please note, you must have a valid BC driver's licence with no infractions within the past two years. In addition, you will need to have the school office verify your driver's licence number prior to the Principal signing the driver's form.

Fall Programs Community School Team/Little Mountain Neighbourhood House After School Events

The Community School Team (CST) is happy to announce that our after school programs will start in October. For Fall, we are excited to offer Lego Masters, Grades 1-2 and Super Hero Training, Grades 2-3. Instructors for these two programs will be visiting classrooms on Friday, October 13th. Registration will be on Thursday, October 19th at 3:00 pm, in the main hallway. Programs will run on Friday beginning on Friday, October 27th.

Little Mountain Neighbourhood House (LMHN), in partnership, with our CST is running Schools Out on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 26th to December 7th. Schools Out encourages physical literacy through recreational play and academic literacy through theme-based activities.